

**Amendment to the Claims**

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims

- 1-16. (Cancelled)
17. (Currently Amended) An isolated antibody ~~against~~ that binds specifically to the isolated polypeptide of claim 13 21.
- 18-20. (Cancelled)
21. (New) An isolated protein comprising a polypeptide sequence selected from the group consisting of:  
(a) amino acids -23 183 of SEQ ID NO:2; and  
(b) amino acids 1 to 183 of SEQ ID NO:2.
22. (New) The isolated protein of claim 21, wherein said polypeptide sequence is (a).
23. (New) The isolated protein of claim 21, wherein said polypeptide sequence is (b).
24. (New) The isolated protein of claim 21 which further comprises a polypeptide sequence heterologous to SEQ ID NO:2.
25. (New) The isolated polypeptide of claim 21 wherein said isolated polypeptide is glycosylated.
26. (New) The isolated polypeptide of claim 21 wherein said isolated polypeptide is fused to polyethylene glycol.
27. (New) An isolated polypeptide produced by a method comprising:  
(a) culturing a host cell under conditions suitable to produce the polypeptide of claim 21; and  
(b) recovering said polypeptide.
28. (New) A composition comprising the isolated polypeptide of claim 21 and a carrier.

29. (New) An isolated protein comprising a polypeptide sequence selected from the group consisting of:
- (a) the amino acid sequence of the full-length polypeptide encoded by the human cDNA contained in ATCC Deposit No. 97173; and
  - (b) the amino acid sequence of the mature polypeptide encoded by the human cDNA contained in ATCC Deposit No. 97173.
30. (New) The isolated polypeptide of claim 29, wherein said polypeptide sequence is (a).
31. (New) The isolated polypeptide of claim 29, wherein said polypeptide sequence is (b).
32. (New) The isolated polypeptide of claim 29, wherein said polypeptide is fused to a heterologous amino acid sequence.
33. (New) The isolated polypeptide of claim 29 wherein said isolated polypeptide is glycosylated.
34. (New) The isolated polypeptide of claim 29 wherein said isolated polypeptide is fused to polyethylene glycol.
35. (New) An isolated polypeptide produced by a method comprising:
- (a) culturing a host cell under conditions suitable to produce the polypeptide of claim 29; and
  - (b) recovering said polypeptide.
36. (New) A composition comprising the protein of claim 29 and a carrier.